

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract:

-- An apparatus for applying a blood vessel clip includes a grip assembly having a handle, an applicator barrel attached to the grip assembly, a magazine connected to the applicator barrel, and a plunger connected to the grip assembly. The magazine has a plunger space and a magazine passage separated by a divider shim. A distal end of the magazine defines an exit aperture. The magazine passage is adapted for storing at least one blood vessel clip therein. The magazine includes a constricted region narrower than a head of the blood vessel clip. The constricted region is spaced apart from the exit aperture and has a narrowest point narrower than the exit aperture. The plunger extends into the plunger space. The plunger moves the at least one blood vessel clip distally through the constricted region and the exit aperture. --